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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tommie L. Rogers

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EXAMINER: McDonald, Shantese L.

FOR: Tong Assembly

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed in this application on September 13, 2006. The Notice was due to each claim not having been provided a proper status identifier.

Attached are the claims, as filed in this RCE, each bearing a proper status identifier.

Applicant submits that this Response fully addresses all issues in this Notice, and requests that the application proceed to examination.